

George Mifflin Dallas to Andrew Jackson, December 6, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

GEORGE M. DALLAS TO JACKSON.

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Dear Sir, I return to you, with my sincere thanks, the mad message of Governor Hamilton. It has filled me with great anxiety as to the situation of our friends of the Union Party in Charleston. If the suggestions of Gov. Hamilton have been adopted by the Legislature: if he is armed with his act defining state treason, with a bill of pains and penalties, and with a battalion of Infantry, what safety or rescue is there for our friends short of an immediate appeal to arms, or *your interventions* ? They may be arrested under color of law, and treated as traitors, or as the infatuated Governor may think expedient.

I have letters from Philadelphia this morning which describe the sentiment against the Ordinance and Address to be universal; and those who but yesterday opposed your re-election with ferocity now loudly profess their reliance on your saving the Union. The meeting convened on Monday was too large to be any where accommodated, and agreed to meet again on thursday.

With great respect, ever, D'r Sir, Yrs.